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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend Paragraph [0010] as follows:

[0010] One embodiment of a method of making a membrane electrode assembly, comprises forming a catalyst ink comprising a catalyst compound, a perfluorinated sulfonyl fluoride polymer, and an ester; disposing the catalyst ink on a decal; drying the catalyst ink to form an electrode on the ~~decal~~; decal; transferring the electrode onto a first side of a proton exchange membrane, wherein the electrode is in ionic communication with the first side and wherein the catalyst compound loading on the proton exchange membrane is less than or equal to 1.5 mg/cm².

Please amend Paragraph [0028] as follows:

[0028] As will be discussed in greater detail, the catalyst consumption and utilization in an electrode may be improved by forming an ink having the catalyst dispersed in a solvent base. The solvent is preferably of a nature similar to that of membrane 202. The formulated ink may then be spread on, e.g., a decal such as a substrate comprising polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE) (e.g., that commercially available under the trade name TEFLON® from E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company). The ink is dried (i.e., the solvents and water are removed) to form an electrode on the decal. As will be ~~describe~~ described in greater detail, the decal can be employed to transfer the electrode onto membrane 202.